

## Family Resource Center Newsletter

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### **Important Dates:**

#### **March:**

Grandparents Group: Mar 4  
Single Parent Group: Mar 7  
Autism Group: Mar 11  
Home Child Care Providers  
Music Workshop: Mar 12  
2-1-1 Child Care Workshop: Mar 22  
Tax Workshop: Mar 26  
Dad's Play Group: Mar 27  
Gross Motor Event: Mar 27

#### **April:**

Playgroup at the Park: Apr 3  
Grandparents Group: Apr 8  
Single Parent Group: Apr 11  
Autism Group: Apr 22  
Kindergarten Registration: Apr 22&23  
Dad's Play Group: Apr 24  
Gross Motor Event: Apr 24  
Child Care/Preschool Fair: Apr 27

#### **FRC CLOSED:**

Good Friday: March 29

#### **NO FRC PROGRAMS:**

Teacher In-Service Date: Apr 1  
School Break: Apr 15-19

### **ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM AT ALCORN SCHOOL**

**GED Classes:** Thursday & Friday

**ESL Classes:** Tuesday & Thursday  
All Classes 9:00-11:00 am

Child care and literacy activities  
provided for children ages 6 months  
and up during classes.

Adult Education's main office is at  
Alcorn School.

**For more information,  
please call 860-763-7032.**

### **FRC ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**It is with mixed emotions that we say good-bye  
to our Parent Educator Kate Faherty.**

"Miss Kate" has been working at the FRC for the  
past eight years and has touched many lives along  
the way. She will be moving on to an exciting new  
career as the Director of the East Windsor Family  
Resource Center in Broad Brook. Her last day at  
the FRC will be Friday, March 8.

**All are invited to stop by the FRC at Enfield  
Street School, 1318 Enfield St, between  
2 & 4 pm that day for a good-bye celebration.**

We will miss her greatly and wish her all of the  
best in her new endeavor!  
Please bear with us as we do our best to maintain  
programming during this time of transition.



The Town of Enfield Department of Social  
Services is again offering

### **FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION**

This program is offered through the IRS Volunteer  
Income Tax Program (VITA). Volunteers are IRS  
trained and certified.

If your family household income is under \$51,000,  
you are eligible for this service. This program  
offers rapid refunds at no additional charge

#### **Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays:**

**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

#### **Saturdays:**

**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

#### **Location:**

**Village Center of Thompsonville**

**100 High Street, Enfield, CT**

**(Parking & Entrance in the rear)**

Call (860) 253-6395 for an appointment and to get  
information on what paperwork you will need to  
bring with you.

### **GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP**

**When: Mondays Mar 4 & Apr 8**

**Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**Where: Enfield Street School,  
1318 Enfield Street, Enfield**

**(Dinner and Childcare Provided)**

For further information on this group, please  
call Amy at the FRC at 860-253-5144.

**SPONSORED BY THE COMMISSION ON AGING  
AND THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**



### **SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP ***ARE YOU A STRESSED OUT SINGLE PARENT?*****

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**

**Enfield Family Resource Center's  
Single Parent Support Group is a safe place to  
vent, listen, share ideas, get resources and make  
new friends!**

Dinner and child care will be provided.

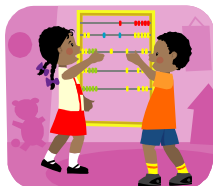
#### **Enfield Child Development Center**

**110 High Street, Enfield**

**Thursdays Mar 7 & April 11**

**6:00-7:30 pm**

Please call the Family Resource Center at 253-5144  
or email Amy at [amorales@enfield.org](mailto:amorales@enfield.org) for more  
information or to sign up.



### **FREE LEARNING THROUGH PLAY GROUPS FOR ENFIELD FAMILIES!**

Come and join us for songs, stories, toys and activities. This is an interactive and educational playgroup for Moms, Dads, Grandparents, caregivers and their children. Bring your children ages birth to five.

#### **Enfield Street School**

1318 Enfield Street

Mondays:

9:30-10:30 or 10:30-11:30

#### **Alcorn School**

1010 Enfield Street

Fridays:

9:30-10:30 or 10:30-11:30

#### **Hazardville Memorial School**

68 North Maple Street

Tuesdays or Thursdays:

9:30-10:30

Tuesdays:

11:00-12:00

Wednesdays:

1:00-2:00

For More Information, Please Call

Enfield Street School and  
Alcorn Playgroups:  
Amy Morales at 253-5144 or  
email [amorales@enfield.org](mailto:amorales@enfield.org).

Hazardville Memorial School  
Playgroups:  
Erin Grimes at 253-6580 or  
Email [egrimes@enfield.org](mailto:egrimes@enfield.org).



### **USING YOUR EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT/TAX REFUND WISELY**

Karen Bauer of 360 Federal Credit Union will lead a discussion on ways to prioritize spending to make the best use of your Earned Income Tax Credit or Tax Refund. This session will help you think about the best ways to utilize this money to help pay debts, put money aside for savings, and manage living expenses.

**Tuesday, March 26**

**6:00-7:30 pm**

**Enfield Child Development Center,  
110 High Street**

A light dinner will be provided along with child care upon request. Please call the FRC at 253-6580 or email [dhoran@enfield.org](mailto:dhoran@enfield.org) to reserve your spot.



### **PLAYGROUP AT ENFIELD'S BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND!**

Come and join us for some outdoor fun!

**Wednesday, Apr 3 at 9:30 am  
(Rain Date Apr 10)**

**Enfield Rotary Accessible Playground  
Enfield Public Library  
104 Middle Road, Enfield**

Snack will be provided.

Register: Please call the FRC at (860) 253-5144 to sign up or email [smichaels@enfield.org](mailto:smichaels@enfield.org).



### **\*\*\* KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION\*\*\***

#### **2013/2014 Kindergarten Registration Information:**

To be eligible for kindergarten in September 2013, children must be five years old on or before January 1, 2014.

**Due to the increased volume of kindergarten registrations at the schools, you are encouraged to register your child at either of the following times & locations:**

**Tuesday, April 23rd 12:00 noon – 7:00 pm**  
at the Enfield Square Mall

**Wednesday, April 24th 12:00 noon – 7:00 pm**  
at the Angelo Lamagna Center

### **AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP NEWS**

**When: Mondays Mar 11 & Apr 22  
Time: 6:15 – 7:30 pm**

**Where: Enfield Street School Library,  
1318 Enfield Street, Enfield**

The Enfield Autism Support Group was established by parents and is supported by the Enfield Family Resource Center. It is a group of parents who meet once a month to highlight successes and achievements in their children's growth and in the journey of services. It is a safe place to explore concerns and obstacles as a way of obtaining fresh ideas. The main focus of the group is to offer support, acceptance and encouragement to parents in the local area who have children or family members with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**Child care is available  
but must be reserved in advance.**

Please contact the Family Resource Center at (860) 253-5144 or [amorales@enfield.org](mailto:amorales@enfield.org) to register.



### **CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL FAIR**

sponsored by KITE  
(Key Initiatives to Early Education)

**Saturday, April 27th 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Enfield Square Mall**

A family event with activities for children & information provided by local preschools and child care centers.

**For more information call the  
Family Resource Center at 860-253-5144.**

## **HAZARDVILLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER INFORMATION**

*The Hazardville FRC is funded in part by a grant from The LEGO® Children's Fund.*



### **RAISING READERS PARENT BOOK CLUB**

**Hazardville Memorial School FRC**

**The book club will meet on the following dates: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and June 7.**

The club will run from 11:00AM-12:00PM and childcare and a light snack will be provided.

Each week you will receive a FREE book and become more confident and skillful reading to your child!

**You must register to attend, space is limited. Call or email Erin Grimes**

**at 860-253-6580 or [egrimes@enfield.org](mailto:egrimes@enfield.org).**



### **211 CHILD CARE WORKSHOP ON ORAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT & EARLY LITERACY**

Were you wondering...When should your child start talking? How many words should they be saying at their age? If your child has a language delay? What activities you can do with your child to promote language and an interest in reading?

Then come learn about oral language development and early literacy for children ages birth to 5.

**Friday, March 22**

**1:00PM-2:00PM**

**Hazardville Memorial School FRC**

Childcare and a light snack will be provided.

**Please call or email Erin Grimes to register  
at 860-253-6580 or [egrimes@enfield.org](mailto:egrimes@enfield.org).**



### **GROSS MOTOR EVENT!!**

Please meet the Hazardville FRC Staff at

**Asnuntuck Community College**

**(170 Elm Street)**

for some indoor fun!

**Wednesdays**

**March 27 and April 24**

**10:00AM-11:00AM.**

We will meet in the Reading Room. Park on the left side of the college and enter by the side door, right into the Reading Room.

**Registration is required and space is limited.**

**Please call or email Erin Grimes at  
860-253-6580 or [egrimes@enfield.org](mailto:egrimes@enfield.org).**



### **DADS PLAY GROUP!**

**Evening Playgroup for  
Dads/Special Men:**

The Hazardville FRC would like to invite all dads, grandpas and any other special men, **with their children** (age's birth to 5) to an evening playgroup. Kids can wear their pajamas and come ready to play with our toys, sing, read, and have a snack!

**Wednesdays**

**March 27 and April 24**

**6:30PM-7:30PM**

**Hazardville Memorial  
School**

**68 North Maple Street**

Please call or email Erin Grimes to register for one or both of these playgroups, at 860-253-6580 or [egrimes@enfield.org](mailto:egrimes@enfield.org).

## **Ways You Can Support Healthy Personal & Social Growth and Development**

### **Infants:**

- Talk, hum, sing and read to baby often, especially during daily routines such as feeding and diaper changing.
- Recognize, name, and respect her feelings and talk about what she seems to be "saying".
- Offer sensitive, responsive care-giving to build feelings of trust and security in the baby.

### **Toddlers:**

- Give choices whenever possible. For example, "Do you want to wear the blue shirt or the red shirt?" This will help the toddler feel in control.
- Keep consistent, daily routines around eating, sleeping, bathing and toileting. Routines help toddlers guess what comes next in their day and master daily experiences which promotes self-confidence. Help your toddler get ready for changes by telling him/her what will happen next and giving him/her some time to move from one thing to another.
- Model sharing and turn taking. Small amounts of waiting helps children learn self control and recognize that others have needs, too. Encourage cooperative play with others but do not expect a toddler to be able to show these behaviors all of the time.

### **Pre-Schoolers:**

- Acknowledge children's feelings and give them the words to express emotions appropriately, for example, "I can see that you are feeling sad".
- Read books about people and animals who express different emotions in a variety of settings.
- Encouragement helps children see that what they do makes a difference, either to themselves or to others. It helps children become aware of themselves and their actions.

## Creating a Partnership between the School, Family and Community.



### HOME CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WORKSHOP

*"Value of Music in Early Childhood"*



**Home Child Care Providers, please join us for an evening workshop.**

We invite you to discover the value of music in early childhood!

During this workshop, Renee A. Coro, board certified music therapist will share research based strategies on how music can support the development of infants, toddlers and preschoolers in your program. Learn how to incorporate more music into your setting, by implementing creative songs, books, and music for transitions! Music is important for a child's development and for your setting.

**Tuesday, March 12, 2013**

**6:30 pm**

**Location:**

**Enfield Child Development Center**

**110 High Street**

Please call the FRC at 860-253-5144 or email [amorales@enfield.org](mailto:amorales@enfield.org) to reserve a spot.

**\*Toy/Book Swap: If you would like to participate, please bring any gently used toys, books, etc. that you no longer use and would like to share with other providers!**

**We're on the Web!**

**[www.enfield-ct.gov](http://www.enfield-ct.gov)**

**Just a Reminder that we're on**

**facebook**

**BECOME A FAN !**

**And get info on upcoming events.**



**Town of Enfield First Annual**

**"Dancing with the Town" Event**

*Featuring Talented Community Celebrities*

Talented community members will be the "Celebrity Dancers" in the first annual "Dancing with the Town" event scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Fermi High School. Proceeds from the event will support social services in the Town of Enfield.

Among those dancing in "Dancing with the Town" are Rich Tkacz, Rich's Oil Service; Captain Fred Hall, Enfield Police Department; State Representative David Kiner and Larry Dube, Educational Resources for Children After School Program. **Kate Faherty, Family Resource Center**; Karen Dardanelli, Asnuntuck Community College; Carol Hall, Enfield Town Council; Bonnie Mazzoli, Elementary School Principal; Yvette Santiesteban, High School Vice Principal and Janice Cerrato, Elementary School Teacher.

The event is being coordinated by the Town of Enfield Department of Social Services. Professional Dance Instructors are Gina Rosati, Rob McGurn, Jessica Makowski and John Nolan who are affiliated with Ballroom Fever Dance Studio in Enfield, Connecticut.

**USA Hauling** and **MassMutual** are the Title Sponsors of the event. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available and range from \$1,000.00 to \$50.00.

Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children and free to children under 5 years old and available at Social Services Administration, 100 High Street, **Enfield Street School Family Resource Center**, **Hazardville Memorial School Family Resource Center**, Senior Center, Youth Services, Adult Day Center and Child Development Center.

**For more information about the event, please call 860-253-6395.**